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Senator Barbara McGuire, LD8

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Senator Barbara McGuire wraps up a busy week and successful session

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Senator Barbara McGuire wrapped up this legislative session with an award from members of her community, a signature from Governor Brewer on one of her bills and money for tourism and conservation districts in the budget.

Last week Governor Brewer signed into law Sen. McGuire's SB 1164, which increases the maximum maturity period for certain sanitary district bonds.

"My bill will help our communities, including in rural areas, afford to construct, operate and upgrade their waste disposal facilities," said Sen. McGuire. "These facilities play a crucial role in making our cities and towns livable and ready for growth."

Also last week, Sen. McGuire was honored by the Queen Creek Unified School District for her support of their adult education program, which helps adults obtain GEDs and transition to better paying jobs or higher education.

"I am deeply touched by this honor from the Queen Creek Unified School District," said Sen. McGuire. "Education should be a vehicle to success, not a barrier. This adult education program provides that vehicle and produces graduates who are ready and eager to improve their lives and contribute to our community. I'm so proud of these students and excited for their futures."

Thanks in part to efforts by Sen. McGuire, this year's budget includes \$2 million to promote Arizona tourism and increased funding for our state's natural resource conservation districts.

"Tourism plays a vital role in the economic success of rural Arizona and funding our state's efforts to promote tourism is an investment on which we are guaranteed to see returns," said Sen. McGuire. "Also important to our rural communities is responsible management of our natural resources. This increased support to our natural resource conservation districts will ensure Arizona agriculture remains viable and encourage economic development around our state's natural beauty."

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